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Brenna Holly Executive Director November 6, 2006

Secretary Scott E. Hassett 101 South Webster Street P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Hassett:

On behalf of the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation (ICC), we are pleased to offer our support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant applications to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funds to conduct Phase I and Phase II Site Assessments in the 30th Street Industrial Corridor in Milwaukee.

The ICC is a nonprofit economic organization that has been promoting economic growth and providing technical assistance to businesses in this manufacturing corridor on the north side of Milwaukee since 1991. These funds will be a vital step in transforming once blighted and vacant properties into attractive sites for a variety of redevelopment opportunities that will serve and benefit the entire community—residents, employers and employees.

We are pleased to continue our partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and are confident that these funds will bring continued benefits to the 30th Street Industrial Corridor and its revitalization. Please contact me at (414) 444-4706 if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Brenna Holly

Executive Director



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November 28, 2006

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources PO Box 7921 Madison WI 53707-7921

RE: DNR Grant Applications for the EPA Brownfield Funds

Dear Scott,

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM) supports the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant application to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for assessment activities and a Revolving Loan Fund program. These funds will be used to support the Governor's Urban Reinvestment Initiative in economically and environmentally distressed areas.

The EPA funds will be used to assess brownfields in Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor. The 30th Street Corridor is approximately five miles long and includes industrial, commercial, and residential uses. In the past, large and small manufacturing operations, including foundries, tanneries, breweries, and motor manufacturers, thrived and employed nearly 40 percent of neighborhood residents. The factory buildings remain, but a majority of the manufacturing jobs are gone. This neighborhood is one of Wisconsin's most economically distressed with more than one-third of the families living below the poverty level and an unemployment rate of 18%.

The goal for the Urban Redevelopment Initiative is to return properties back to the neighborhood for productive uses as industrial, commercial, residential or mixed use facilities. These projects will hopefully be a catalyst for additional public, private & non-profit reinvestment in the neighborhood. Redevelopment has taken place in several areas within and adjacent to the Corridor. The area has all the advantages of an urban area: a concentrated population, established transportation corridors and proximity to Lake Michigan and Chicago. EPA assessment funds along with other grant and tax credit programs can help fund redevelopment of properties that can be assessed, cleaned up and redeveloped spurring jobs, an increased tax base, safer neighborhoods, and enhanced aesthetics which often have a spillover effect on adjoining properties.

The City has committed its support to the Governor's Urban Reinvestment Initiative and the cleanup and redevelopment of the 30th Street Corridor. We believe the use of EPA funds to assist in the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment for the 30th Street Corridor will have many benefits to the local community.

Sincerely,

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December 5, 2006

Secretary Scott E. Hassett Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

The Division of Public Health is pleased to support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for redevelopment activities, including Phase I and Phase II site assessments, along the 30th Street Industrial Corridor, in the City of Milwaukee.

The 30th Street Corridor was selected as the first project of Governor Jim Doyle's Urban Reinvestment Initiative. DPH is partnering with DNR in addressing the cleanup of this economically and environmentally distressed neighborhood, which has some of the highest rates of asthma and childhood lead poisoning in Wisconsin. DNR leadership on this project paves the way for DPH assistance to local agencies and community members in addressing environmental health concerns that are inhibiting redevelopment of brownfields located throughout the corridor. DNR staff are also invaluable to a DPH-led pilot study being conducting by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control that is examining the public health benefits of redevelopment actions within the 30th Street Corridor.

We look forward to continuing this partnership with DNR to address the public health issues faced by residents of the 30th Street Corridor.

If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me at 414-227-4922.

Sincerely,

Sheri Johnson, Ph.D.

Administrator and State Health Officer